A3275-2 9/21/82

TRENDS

ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICAN
RAILROADS

Office of Information
and Public Affairs
1920 L Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036
(202) 835-9555

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, September 16, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 11 totaled an estimated 13.1 billion ton-miles, 18.7 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Labor Day holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 37 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 575.2 billion ton-miles, 11.4 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended September 11 totaled 312,200 cars, 18.8 percent below 1981, and 13.9 percent lower than the preceding non-holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 23.0 percent in the East, 15.0 percent in the South, and 18.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 19 of the 21 commodity groups were down. All of the 21 groups declined from the preceding non-holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended September 4 totaled 42,900 cars, up 16.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 72,257 trailers and/or containers, 9.9 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 36 weeks of the year was 1,302,983 cars, 9.4 percent higher than last year, and 2,293,260 trailers and/or containers, up 6.9 percent.

(more)

Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 9/11/82:

	Loadings in Week ended September 11, 1982		Change from Corresponding Week 1981			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	19,973	D	1,531	7.1	D	3,879	16.3
Other farm products	2,546	D	247	8.8	D	421	14.2
Metallic ores	11,521	D	23,111	66.7	D	2,220	16.2
Coal	101,430	D	17,214	14.5	D	10,078	9.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	9,340	D	1,504	13.9	D	922	9.0
Nonmetallic minerals	7,321	D	5,140	41.2	D	2,006	21.5
Grain mill products	10,365	D	1,719	14.2	D	1,481	12.5
Food and kindred products	11,854	D	1,198	9.2	D	1,618	12.0
Primary forest products	12,286	D	2,851	18.8	D	1,376	10.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	4,653	D	564	10.8	D	1,521	24.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,962	D	2,273	14.0	D	1,686	10.8
Chemicals and allied products	19,192	D	2,405	11.1	D	2,956	13.3
Petroleum products	4,131	D	357	8.0	D	827	16.7
Stone, clay and glass products	9,609	D	2,121	18.1	D	1,294	11.9
Coke	4,059	D	2,038	33.4	D	317	7.2
Metals and products	6,228	D	6,450	50.9	D	1,843	22.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	11,976	I	756	6.7	D	2,027	14.5
Waste and scrap materials	6,216	D	3,555	36.4	D	1,255	16.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	6,782	D	1,077	13.7	D	2,333	25.6
All other carloads	38,618	I	2,304	6.3	D	10,346	21.1
LCL traffic	138	D	28	16.9	D	186	57.4
Total Cars Loaded	312,200	D	72,323	18.8	D	50,592	13.9
Corresponding week of 1981	384,523						

	1982	1981	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (37 weeks)	13,475,692	15,449,279	D 12.8
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
36 Weeks cumulative	562.1	633.1	D 11.2
Week ended September 11	13.1	16.2	D 18.7
37 Weeks cumulative	575.2	649.3	D 11.4

AARt-091682